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# Wayne, Romulus women win free airline tickets

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

The holiday emotions of a pair of Wayne and Romulus women—both readers of the *Michigan Community Newspapers*—were soaring high Monday morning, as they were presented with certificates for a free pair of Northwest Airlines plane tickets for use any where in the lower 48 states of America.

What added to the festivi-

ties of the day for Gail Fraley of Wayne and Bev Rivera of Romulus, was the fact they knew each other since Fraley is a veteran Romulus art teacher, who had both of Rivera's sons as students.

Fraley admitted she entered only one slip from the MCN holiday contest at Dillon's Jewelry Store in Westland the last day of the contest.

Rivera's winning entry was dropped off earlier this month at the Romulus IGA.

The tickets were supplied by People's Travel/American Express and can be used anytime within the next six months.

Neither winner was sure when or where they will travel, but expressed joy at being chosen MCN winners.

The ticket certificates were presented to the pair by long time MCN employee Diane Ferguson, who will be retiring on Friday after 32 years of service.

Fraley revealed she has family in California and also that her daughter, Colleen Mawby, 21, will soon be traveling to National Guard training in Texas.

Colleen is a student at Indiana University—but is taking time off from her schooling to advance her military training.

Fraley said she could use her travel ticket to attend her daughter's military graduation ceremonies.

She also has a son, Daniel

Mawby, 22, who is working on his master's degree in medical science at Wayne State University.

Meanwhile Rivera stated she grew up in Detroit and has lived in Romulus for the last 27 years.

She has two grown children, Juan Jr., 27, an architect living in Washington D.C. and Enrique, 19, who is attending Wayne County Community College in Southgate studying automotive technology.

He also works at Mark's Chevrolet.

Rivera's husband, Juan, is

the owner-operator of his own semi business.

The excited MCN reader said news that she had won the twin tickets "floored" her, as she stated "I never win anything!"

She may use the tickets to visit her son in Washington, D.C., Rivera said, or possibly to travel to see a sister in Orlando, Fla.

No matter what options they select, both ticket winners said they will keep MCN readers updated on their future trip activities.

### Synopsis

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY ORDINANCE #12-21-99 (2)

First reading of ordinance. Second reading for adoption will be held at 7:30 p.m. during the regular Township Board of Trustees Meeting of January 11, 2000 to be held in the Board Room, Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 6-2-92, BEING THE AMENDED ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN TO PROVIDE REQUIREMENTS FOR WOODLAND AND TREE PRESERVATION.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN HEREBY ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1.**

20.380                      Section 4.45, ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS, of Article IV, GENERAL PROVISIONS, is hereby amended to insert a new subsection "E: Woodland and Tree Preservation."

**SECTION 2.**              Adoption of Woodland Map.

**SECTION 3.**              Conflicts.

**SECTION 4.**              Severability.

**SECTION 5.**              Effective Date. This ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting, called and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_.

**YEAS:**                      FOSTER, KING, BUDD, CLARK, HART, HERMAN, AND ROCHOWIAK.

**NAYS:**                      NONE.

**ABSENT:**                  NONE.

I hereby certify that Ordinance 12-21-99 (2) was published in the Belleville Enterprise, a newspaper circulating within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance,

Cindy C. King, CMC/AEE  
Township Clerk

Helen Foster, CMFA  
Township Supervisor

Adopted:                      December 30, 1999

Published:                      December 30, 1999

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## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 21, 1999

Supervisor Foster called the meeting to order in the Board Room at 7:30 p.m. Present: Foster, King, Budd, Clark, Hart, Herman and Rochowiak. Absent and excused: None. Others in attendance: Director of Development Kelley, Recreation and Facilities Director Ross, Public Safety Director Perkins, Coordinator of Development Miller, Deputy Director of Public Safety Smolen, Executive Assistant Ireland, Secretary Payne and an audience of ten (10).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** King moved, Hart seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Clark moved, Herman seconded to open the public hearing to consider the establishment of a Special Assessment District for the purpose of installing and maintaining street lights in the Monterey Estates Subdivision. Carried.

Director Kelley stated this is the second public hearing regarding the street lighting for Monterey Estates. He outlined the proposed project stating the Zoning Ordinance requires subdivisions in the Township to have street lighting for general security and lighting purposes. Detroit Edison offers a program that will provide the material and the installation of streetlights; subtract the first three years of energy consumption and credit that towards the initial capital charge. The residents will be charged approximately \$100 per year on their tax bills.

A resident inquired about the number of lights to be installed. Director Kelley indicated the number of lights to be installed is negotiated between Detroit Edison and the developer and suggested the resident contact Campbell Development for additional information.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Hart moved, Budd seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

King moved, Rochowiak seconded to open the public hearing to consider the establishment of a Special Assessment District for the purpose of installing and maintaining street lights in the Walden Woods Subdivision Phase 1. Carried.

Director Kelley stated the particulars of this project are the same as those discussed in the previous public hearing. He stated eight fixtures would be installed in the Walden Woods Subdivision Phase 1, which is comprised of 69 single family lots.

There being no further discussion, a motion was made to close the public hearing.

Clark moved, Hart seconded to close the public hearing. Carried.

**MINUTES:** Hart moved, Budd seconded to approve the Work Study Session Minutes of December 6, 1999, as presented. Carried.

Herman moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of December 7, 1999, as presented. Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Supervisor Foster, on behalf of the entire Township Board, wished a joyous holiday season and a prosperous new year to all residents of Van Buren Township.

Water and Sewer Foreman Matt Forster offered congratulations to Bradley Hine for receiving both his S-4 and S-3 certification and to Kirk Jenkins for receiving his S-3 certification. These certifications are granted through the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for proficiencies in water system operation and maintenance.

Employee service awards were given to Susan Ireland, Executive Assistant for 15 years of service, Barton DeVos, Police Officer for 5 years of service and to Kenneth Brooks, Police Lieutenant for 20 years of services.

Parks and Lake Director Cipko advised the Board and audience that effective January 2, 2000, Van Buren Park will be open on the weekends (Saturday and Sunday) from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Clark moved, Hart seconded to approve the second reading for adoption of Ordinance 12-07-99 (1) Telecommunications Ordinance. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Budd, Clark, Hart, Herman, Rochowiak, Foster and King. Nays: None. Absent and excused: None. Carried.

\*(A synopsis of Ordinance 12-07-99 (1) follows the minutes. A complete copy is available for review in the Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Rd., Belleville, MI during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.)

**NEW BUSINESS:** Clark moved, Budd seconded to adopt Resolution 99-25, Telecommunications Ordinance Fee Schedule as presented. Carried.

Herman moved, Rochowiak seconded to approve adoption of Resolution 99-26, to establish a Special Assessment District for the installation and maintenance of street lights for Monterey Estates Subdivision. Carried.

King moved, Clark seconded to approve the Final 1999 General Fund Amendments, noting items A through E as outlined in Treasurer Budd's memo dated December 15, 1999. Carried.

King moved, Hart seconded to approve the 2000 Proposed General Fund Amendments, noting items A through E as outlined in Treasurer Budd's memo dated December 15, 1999. Carried.

Clark moved, Herman seconded to approve the Final 1999 Water and Sewer Fund Amendments. Carried.

Rochowiak moved, Budd seconded to approve the 2000 Proposed Water and Sewer Budget as presented. Carried.

King moved, Clark seconded to approve adoption of Resolution 99-27 in opposition to assessment reductions for utilities companies and to authorize its execution and submission to various state officials as outlined in the resolution. Carried.

King moved, Hart seconded to approve designating the Supervisor and Clerk as the authorized officials to sign permits for the Department of Transportation. Carried.

Clark moved, Budd seconded to approve adoption of Resolution 99-28, Performance and Indemnification Resolution. Carried.

Hart moved, Herman seconded to approve the Storm Water Maintenance Agreement for the Meadows of Van Buren Condominium development and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement and to approve adoption of Resolution 99-29 Storm Water Maintenance for the Meadows of Van Buren Condominium development. Carried.

Herman moved, King seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 12-21-99 (1) to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92, as amended, to amend and modify provisions and requirements for the C (local business) district, and to supplement site plan review requirements for the C-1 (general business) and C-2 (extensive highway business) districts. Carried.

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Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Employment Agreement with Diane Wilson as Museum Director, said agreement commencing January 1, 2000 and running in full force and effect through December 31, 2000, and to authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Carried.

Herman moved, Hart seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 12-21-99 (2) to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance 6-2-92, as amended, to amend Section 4.45, inserting a new subsection "E. Woodland and Tree Preservation". Carried.

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**VOUCHER LIST:** Budd moved, Clark seconded to approve the voucher list of December 21, 1999 as presented. Carried.

**REPORTS:** Supervisor Foster ordered the November 1999 Budgetary Report received and filed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Tax and water bill payments may be placed in the 24-hour drop box located in the Public Safety Department lobby. The drop box is checked daily during regular business hours. In addition, tax bills postmarked December 31, 1999 will be treated as paid in 1999.

Township Administrative Offices will be closed on Friday, December 24th for Christmas Eve, Monday December 27th for Christmas Day, Friday, December 31st for New Year's Eve and Monday, January 3, 2000 for New Year's Day.

Director Ross stated the September Days Senior Christmas party was a great success with 331 people participating in this festive event. He said it was a time of good fun, good food and good fellowship and thanked Coordinator Combs and her staff for their efforts.

The new Recreation Department Program is now available. Classes include Tai' Chi, gymnastics, swing dance and open gym time. Contact the Recreation Department at 699.8921 for more information.

The Father-Daughter Dance will be held on Friday, February 4, 2000. Reservations are required. Contact the Recreation Department at 699.8921 for additional information.

**AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items):** A resident inquired about the removal of a structure below the 655' contour line on Belleville Lake. Director Kelley stated he would not be able to discuss the matter at this time.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Rochowiak moved, Herman seconded to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Foster, CMFA

Cindy C. King, CMC/AEE  
Township Clerk

Publish: December 30, 1999

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 6-2-92, BEING THE AMENDED ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BY AMENDING PROVISIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE "C" (LOCAL BUSINESS) DISTRICT, AND TO SUPPLEMENT SITE PLAN REVIEW REQUIREMENTS FOR THE "C-1" (GENERAL BUSINESS) DISTRICT, AND "C-2" (EXTENSIVE HIGHWAY BUSINESS) DISTRICT.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN HEREBY ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1.**

20.622                      Delete Section 11.02 a.

20.622                      Insert permitted use Section 11.02 e.

20.622                      Delete Section 11.02 i.

20.622                      Amend permitted uses Section 11.02 k

20.622                      Delete Section 11.02 m.2.

20.622                      Delete Section 11.02 o.

20.623                      Insert restriction on permitted use, Section 11.03 c.

20.623                      Insert restriction on permitted use, Section 11.03 d.

20.623                      Insert restriction on permitted use, Section 11.03 e.

20.623                      Amend restriction on permitted use, Section 11.03 f.1.

20.623                      Amend restriction on permitted use, Section 11.03 f.2.

20.624                      Delete Section 11.04 a.

20.624                      Delete Section 11.04 c 1-4.

20.624                      Amend restriction on permitted use after Special Approval, Section 11.04 d.

20.624                      Delete Section 11.04 e.

20.624                      Amend restriction on permitted use after Special Approval, Section 11.04 f.

20.624                      Insert permitted use and restrictions after Special Approval, Section 11.04 g.

20.624                      Insert similar uses, Section 11.04 h.

20.625                      Amend requirements for Site Plan Review, Section 11 05 a-d.

20.626                      Delete Section 11.07.

**SECTION 2.**

20.652                      Amend General Business District permitted uses, Section 12.02.

**SECTION 3.**

20.654                      Amend requirements for Site Plan Review, Section 12.04.

**SECTION 4.**

20.682                      Amend Extensive Highway Business District permitted uses, Section 13.02.

**SECTION 5.**

20.684                      Amend requirements for Site Plan Review, Section 13.04.

**SECTION 6.** Conflicts.

**SECTION 7.** Severability.

**SECTION 8.** Effective Date. This ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting, called and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_.

**YEAS:**                      FOSTER, KING, BUDD, CLARK, HART, HERMAN, AND ROCHOWIAK.

**NAYS:**                      NONE.

**ABSENT:**                  NONE.

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shown by The League of Women Voters' at the Plymouth-Canton school board candidate night last May; the League shocked me again with its recent attack on charter schools, calling them "an experiment"

Excuse me, but if the League objects to experiments, it should focus on the public schools' continuous experimenting on students with unproven teaching methods, technologies, and behavior-modifying drugs.



## MCN veteran staffers reflect on 20th Century's memories

My last column of the 20th Century will not predict the doom and gloom so many of my contemporaries have. I do not believe Y2K is going to cripple our nation. I do not believe the world is going to end any time soon. I do believe year 2000 will be as prosperous and fruitful as 1999.

Rather, I prefer to reflect on the past. The 20th Century brought many changes to the world, some good and some bad. We all have our favorite lists of people, sports heroes, records, books and events. I asked some of my colleagues, a couple who have written about significant events for over thirty years, what they remember as the most important. Here's what they said:

Diane Ferguson, who retires from Michigan Community Newspapers this week after 32-years of service. Ferguson, who has lived in the Belleville area all her life, said most significant to her is the changing face of the city of Belleville. She remembers Belleville as a vibrant shopping district where anything and everything could be purchased. But in the 1970's, malls sprouted up in Ann Arbor and western Wayne, taking shoppers and slowly destroying the retail community in Belleville. Now, she sadly states, Belleville is nothing more than a street of offices.

As far as world events, she notes that the Vietnam war, had the most significant impact on her family. Her brother served and survived, but her brother-in-law came back injured and eventually died from his wounds. It was a sad chapter in America's history, claims Ferguson.

Ferguson's peer for the entire time she has worked at MCN, Tom Mooradian, has covered sports and the city of Inkster for more years than most of us have fingers and toes. Without hesitation, he says the most significant local event he has ever covered was the Bungalow Motel massacre in 1985. If we remember Alberta Easter and her three sons were holed up in the Inkster hotel with an arsenal of guns and ammo. After hours of negotiation, they opened gunfire on the cops outside, killing three.

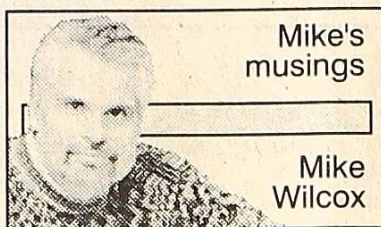
Mooradian claims the most significant national event during his time was our victory over Nazi Germany. He claims that war changed the face of the Earth, and we can't even talk about the changes that have taken place in the last thirty years without realizing that they came about because of WWII.

Ron Spielman, who is in his 12th year at MCN, claims the protracted battle between Romulus city officials and deepwell proponents is the most significant story he has been involved in. That battle, which is now entering its eighth year, continues to grab headlines. As far as the most significant national event, Spielman, like many of his contemporaries, points to Neil Armstrong's walk on the moon, as the most memorable.

If you were to ask me, there are two events that stand out in my professional life. First, while interning in Washington D.C., I had a birds eye view of the Watergate proceedings. Many days I would be in the Senate chambers when Sam Irvin and his committee grilled the Watergate suspects. I was there when President Richard Nixon announced his resignation. As a political science major and budding journalist, these activities were awe-inspiring, yet terrifying, as we saw our country's president reduced to tears.

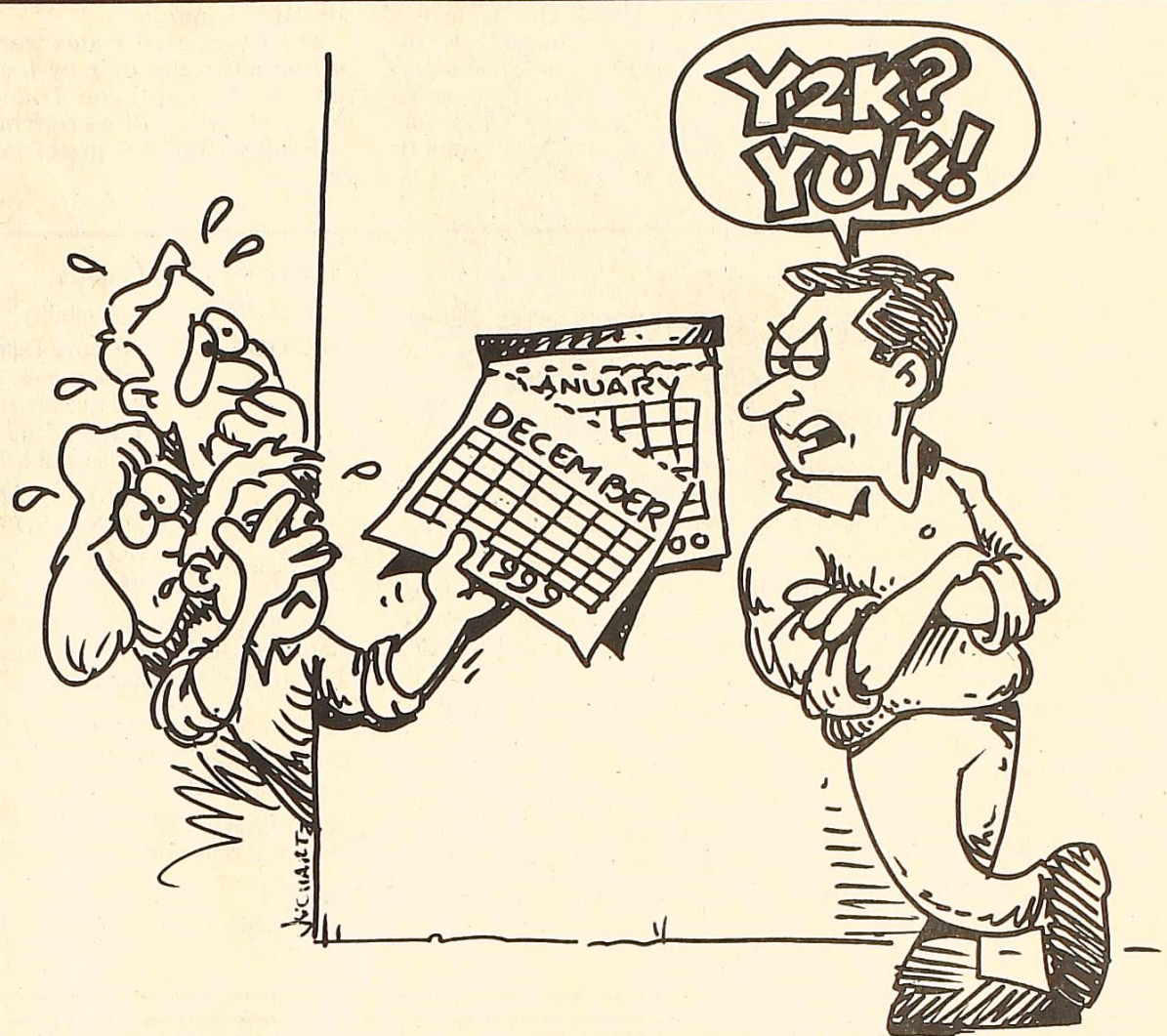
A few year's later, I was assigned to cover the disappearance of Jimmy Hoffa. I shared my share of the stone fence in front of his cottage with several dozen journalists who held a daily vigil waiting to hear the latest update, from Hoffa's son, James, who followed in his father's footsteps and is now president of the Teamsters. As we all know, Hoffa's body was never found and I don't know if the family cottage is still in use. The few days I was there, it was certainly the breeding ground for all kinds of weird and nefarious rumors, probably started by bored journalists that had nothing better to do.

Back to Diane Ferguson. Over the year's she has taken on significant responsibility for this newspaper. Her organizational skills and positive attitude have helped make this newspaper a success. After thirty-two years, most of them as the manager of our Belleville office, she has become an institution at this newspaper and in Belleville. We will miss her dearly, but hope all of our readers, will join us, in wishing Diane and husband Roger the best of times as they travel country in their RV.



Mike's musings

Mike Wilcox



## Wayne's downtown is as good as Dearborn's

Dearborn will soon hire a firm to redevelop the old Jacobson's block on Michigan Ave.

Once again Dearborn's government has planted seeds so its downtown will continue to bloom.

The city hit the jackpot when it worked with a prominent developer to build a charming mixed development with a bakery, a coffee shop, a bagel restaurant, and row houses on another Michigan Ave. block.

The development brought more people downtown. People live in the row houses, have fun in the coffee shop, and spend money downtown. Dearborn residents have attractive places to hang out.

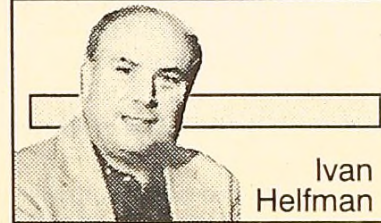
The development added so much to the downtown that the city said, Hey, let's do it again.

So the city's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) bought the Jacobson block for \$2.6 million and sent its planners back to their drawing boards.

Once again the planners designed a mini-town square with a charming mix of shops, offices, apartments, and restaurants. Then they asked for implementation proposals from developers willing to follow the plans, receiving proposals from six prominent developers.

As a result, downtown Dearborn will probably get another attractive town square.

I enjoy downtown Dearborn and wish their new project well.



Ivan Helfman

I only wish that Michigan Ave. would bloom to the west, particularly in downtown Wayne.

On paper, the odds favor redeveloping downtown Wayne over Dearborn. After all, with five Ford plants in town, captured tax dollars are rolling into Wayne's DDA. The city can afford to create quality plans.

About three years ago, Dimitri Bachas, a project manager for the Duany company, one of the country's top urban planners, said his firm could do the job for about \$250,000.

Other quality firms, including the firm that designed Dearborn's first project, would work for less, and accomplish the same thing: a pedestrian downtown bringing middle class residents into homes and attract new shops, boutiques, and restaurants downtown, putting a lot more life into the city.

Yet, despite the examples of Dearborn, Ferndale, Royal Oak, and Hazel Park, Wayne apparently lacks the confidence in its downtown to plan a town square there.

Instead of creating designs for a charming mix of shops, offices, apartments, and restaurants and calling for proposals from prominent

developers, the city goes along with plans for offices and subsidized housing, developments not calculated to bring more middle class citizens to shop or have fun in town.

In the worst example of planning, the city has held a prime Michigan Ave. parcel for over two years for a proposed subsidized housing project. (I should know, I tried to buy it, but that's another story.)

While affordable housing and medical offices are necessary in any community, Wayne has more than enough.

Wayne needs to improve residents' quality of life with a pedestrian downtown to blend with its existing new library and old riverside park and to bring more shoppers to the city's bars, restaurants and businesses.

Wayne can afford to hire an urban planner experienced in reviving downtowns. As for finding prominent developers, five of the six who bid on the Dearborn project will still be looking for a project to do when Wayne comes calling.

Due to inflated land and development costs in Canton and the lack of sewer and water in Van Buren, developers will jump at the chance to build unsubsidized buildings in downtown Wayne.

Opportunity knocks. All the new Wayne City Council needs is confidence that downtown Wayne is as good as downtown Dearborn.

## Video system, storage, makes Chevy Ventura perfect for trips

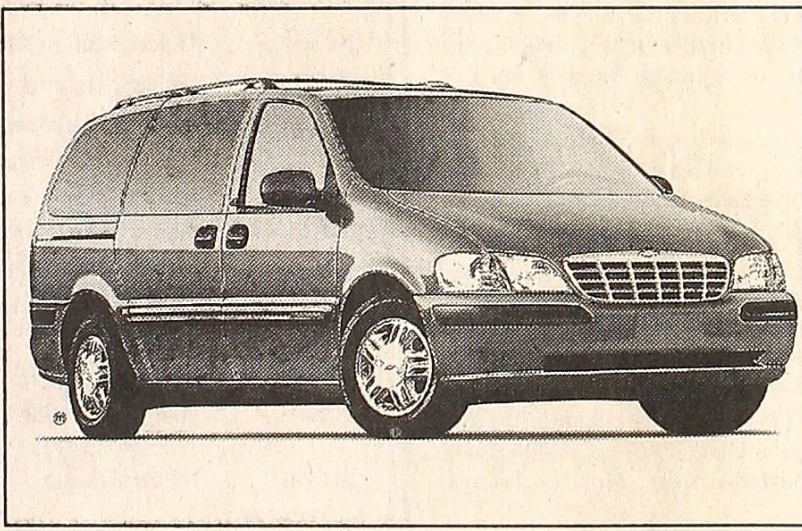
By Karen Wilcox

With kids, dogs, and cats running in a million different directions, its comforting to have a single vehicle that can handle whatever your hyperactive tribe demands. I'm speaking of the Warner Bros. 2000 Chevy Venture. Not only can it carry your family safely from point a to point b, it can haul all of your important stuff.

This Venture charms minivan buyers. To keep this minivan at the peak of its game, there are several interior improvements this year. The instrument cluster has been redesigned with three large, round easy to read gauges surrounded by red accents. A new message center is positioned at the bottom of the tachometer which conveys several advisories such as change oil soon, door ajar plus two different trip mileages.

The Venture also has several radio upgrades and controls in the rear seats. Introduced this year is the special version of the Warner Bros. Package, which includes a fully integrated, factory installed rear seat entertainment system. It has a videocassette player with four tape storage unit, an LCD color monitor that folds down from the overhead console, headphone jacks with volume controls for each set of headphones, and a video game input for connecting a camcorder or Nintendo-type video game. I was pleasantly surprised at the sound quality and clarity of the this system. Montana has the same sort of video amenities called "Montana Vision."

There is ample seating for both the driver and all of the



2000 Chevy Venture

passengers. Leg and headroom are at a premium. Also, cargo room is great, plenty to carry groceries and all your important Christmas packages.

When examining the exterior of this vehicle, you can see just how sporty it looks. Sleek lines and a great curved body styling adorn this one. Acceleration is good and the gas mileage is great. The fuel economy racked up some pretty good numbers, 22 miles per gallon in the city and 29 on the highway. Venture comes standard with a 3.4 liter 4-speed automatic.

For the most part, I liked the Venture. However, I had one major problem with it. If you ever have to change the battery, or need to use this minivan for a jump vehicle, forget about it! What a terrible design! There is no way that you can get to the battery without tools. The fuse box is mounted on top of it, making it impossible to get to the negative connector of the battery. Come on Chevy, you can do much better than that!

For many, there's nothing

better than taking a boat or travel trailer along during the family vacation. An available trailering package outfit the Venture as the ideal tow machine. Included are a heavy-duty radiator, a transmission oil cooler, an auxiliary engine cooler, connections for trailer lights, and auto load leveling. This one can tow up to 3,500 pounds. Just remember, if you are having battery trouble, you are in trouble!

Venture could be just what the doctor ordered! I found this test vehicle to be overall one of my favorite minivans out of all the ones I have driven. Not only is it comfortable and gets great gas mileage, it is perfect for those long trips. What more could you ask for? A video system for the kids, a wealth of storage, plenty of leg and head room, superb stereo for the adults, all wrapped up in one sporty package.

I would recommend the Chevy Venture. It has a price that will fit into just about anyone's budget. It is \$23,700 loaded.

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# Letters from our Readers

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## Richendollar should improve teaching or get out of the way

To the Editor:

In response to a growing national educational crisis and mounting concern expressed by educators, legislators, academics and parents, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, followed closely by the States of New Jersey and California, recently instituted measures that would substantially increase educational standards within local schools. This progressive action in response to a growing state and national educational crisis was, of course, opposed by many of the less than progressive teachers' no submissively engaged in their union's imposed unqualified lock-step in support of the status-quo.

Several weeks ago, the Detroit News and Free Press published the results of an educational survey of Public Educational Institutions within Macomb, Oakland and Wayne Counties. That substantial piece of analysis and reporting concluded with the awarding of passing or failing grades to each of the school districts reviewed. Of the many school districts included in that News/Free Press study, only four received the dreaded "F" for failing to achieve generally acceptable educational results. One of these four was the Van Buren School District, led for many years by Superintendent James Richendollar.

The distressing News/Free Press report of the Van Buren School District's failure (read Richendollar's and the Board's failure) to provide an acceptable educational product for our children was greeted by our high priced superintendent and his five school board chums with an attack on the Detroit News/Free Press and the usual time-worn excuses. Missing in their collective response (except for the two board members Losen and Bowles, who have been harping for years on the need for improvements), was any expression of regret from the administration or board, any new plan for reviewing the problems highlighted by the News/Free Press, any possible changes in curriculum, and any possible changes in present standards which would help ensure that the problems that resulted in the Van Buren District's failing "F" would be addressed and resolved.

In his book *A Conspiracy of Ignorance*, best selling author Martin L. Gross researched and reviewed the American Educational Establishment. His conclusion: like the Van Buren School District, the American Education Establishment is in deep trouble. And it is this trouble that resulted in the progressive action by Massachusetts as well as several other states in demanding educational improvements in spite of the vocal, vociferous opposition from teachers, superintendents, and administrators. But why has such a growing national response to our present education nightmare taken so long to generate any formal action? Any why have the Van Buren School District's concerned parents not stormed the districts educational gates in protest? Perhaps, like Detroit parents, they also felt powerless to affect positive change.

Perhaps, if Richendollar is unwilling or unable to search for an answer, and/or his five chums on the school board are unwilling to demand answers, and Van Buren District parents continue to feel helpless, perhaps, just perhaps, we should consider asking the State to take-over the Van Buren School District as well. Through such a State appointed School Board, perhaps we might then be able to secure a board with the courage to search for the right people and the right answers.

It is time for action. It is time for change. Van Buren's children deserve the first-class education we are paying the district to provide. To the Van Buren School Board and Superintendent Richendollar: either lead, follow, or get out of the way!

Dennis G. Fassett

## Panama Canal giveaway gave China airfield, naval base

To the editor:

The Panama situation is completely overblown. It would appear that the mass media and too many power brokers around the country actually believe this. There has been little realization of the fact that we have now given away a strategic military choke point not too far from our shores. For those of us who experienced pre-Pearl Harbor it is more like deja-vu.

There seems to be a feeling that the Chinese communist danger at the Panama Canal is not only overblown but that the Canal is not longer a crucial waterway to us. Because the Chinese backed Hutchinson-Whampoa Ltd Co., it is a reputable corporation. That it is now just a costly venture for us.

The evidence is overwhelming that the Hutchison-Whampoa Co. is an arm of the Chinese government. Since when was any corporation in any communist country in a position to control its own destiny? The bid to operate the ports was so low that none of the reputable companies had the slightest chance to beat it. It has been well determined that this company was being subsidized to the hilt.

The idea is presented that

we no longer need to run our battleships and merchant vessels through its ports. This is beside the point. It is now a strategically located geographic area and a plum position for a future adversary. Thanks to the fact that the liberals sold our secrets to the Chinese they now have the missile technology to be a dire threat at our doorstep.

The fact that the Panamanian Parliament has been bought off is another well kept secret. For those who still cannot believe that this would be possible, kindly note that the Chinese had no problem buying into the Executive branch of our country as well as buying off one of our own political parties. This control of the Panama Canal, in spite of protests to the contrary, means that the Chinese will also control the airfield and the naval station.

It is now possible that we can lend credence to the words of James Russell Lowell who said that "democracy gives every man a right to be his own oppressor."

Sincerely,  
George M. Haddad  
Franklin, MI

## Be sure to take care of your rodents

To the Editor:

I provided a succession of hamsters with well-ventilated, spacious cages they enjoyed climbing, treadmills, whole-

some food, regular cage cleans and frequent out-of-cage time. Nevertheless, they all died far short of normal life span.

After adopting two mice, I learned about the pine shavings I had used for the hamsters' bedding. Softwood shavings, particularly cedar and pine, have aromatic oils that have been linked to respiratory, liver and skin diseases in animals constantly exposed to them. This has been confirmed by veterinarians.

Initially, you notice nothing unusual. Later on, it never crosses your mind that the animals' illnesses or death could be related to traditional beddings. But autopsies have revealed afflictions associated with softwood exposure. People report improvement in animals' conditions after switching to other bedding. One study found that when given free choice animals reject softwood shavings in favor of other types of beddings.

Most animal research laboratories-even though they often do horrible things to animals-avoid softwood shavings (their toxic qualities would offset the findings of other toxicity tests). But people who are devoted to their pets are largely uninformed.

Studies have found that people in the woodworking industry who are exposed to softwood dust have higher than usual incidences of squamous cell cancers of the respiratory tract. Softwood shavings can aggravate other human respi-

ratory ailments or allergies. My mice are doing well with a non-toxic bedding made from reclaimed wood pulp waste. They also like soft tissue paper. Other safe beddings include those made from pressed paper pellets, alfalfa, grain by-products, aspen, straw, or recycled newspaper printed with soy ink (regular print can be harmful).

Joel Freedman

## Absentee ballots available

Planning on voting in Michigan's Presidential Preference Primary by absentee ballots in Canton?

If so, please be aware that absentee applications will be mailed to all qualified registered voters who are aged 60 and over, and to qualified registered voters who have voted absentee in the past.

## Braces: When is the Best Time?

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What I can tell you is that generally, children are not placed in full braces until they lose most of their baby teeth, usually around age 9-11. However, there are many situations which occur before this age which may warrant some intervention by the orthodontist.



Some children, for example, may need early expansion of one or both of the jaws to allow proper growth of the permanent teeth. Others may need to wear retainers or have appliances placed which guide one or several teeth into proper alignment. Many children who lose baby teeth prematurely due to cavities or accidents may need to wear space maintainers to assure that the space for the permanent teeth is not lost.

The only way for you to know is to make sure you bring your child for regular checkups. If we see anything which may need attention, we can refer you to our in-office orthodontist for a consultation and proper treatment. As the saying goes, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure."

Matthew Schaub, DDS  
Newburgh Heights Dental Group

If you have any dental questions for Dr. Schaub, send them to:

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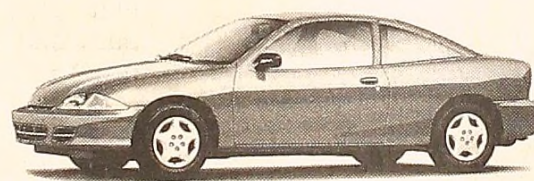
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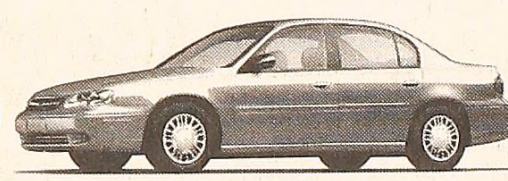
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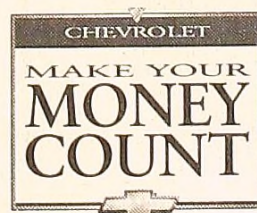
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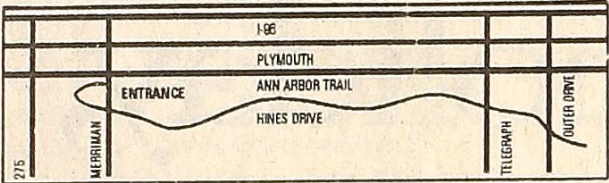


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# Obituaries

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**BREEDING, DEMMA**  
**CARRELL, WILLIAM H.**  
**CONNOLLE, PATRICK**  
**DARDEN, CLAUDIA M.**  
**EVERETTE, C.L.**  
**FAILING, MARION**  
**FRANZ, ROBERT**  
**GARRETT, LOUISE I.**  
**HEGLEY, GEORGE**  
**JAMIESON, ANN T.**  
**MARINO, FRANK**  
**MILLER, LANE (MIKE)**  
**OLSEN, LOUISE E.**  
**OWENS, DARNELL**  
**PETERS, ESTER CARTER**  
**REECE, WILLIAM L. (RED)**  
**REED, JANICE D.**  
**SAMOLEY, EDWARD J.**

**BAZZELLE, EDNA**  
Age 64, of Romulus. Passed away November 7, 1999. Beloved wife of Paul. Dear mother of Yolanda, Pamela, Reese, Herschel, Calvin, and Stepmother of Teresa, and Daphne. Also survived by 6 sisters, and 3 brothers. Services were held November 12, 1999 at Greater Grace Temple in Taylor. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home.

**BREEDING, DEMMA**  
Age 70, of Westland. Passed away December 1, 1999. Dear husband of Keota. Beloved father of Demma, David, Roger, Brenda, and the late Linda. Also survived by 2 sisters, 1 brother, 18 grandchildren, and 3 great grandchildren. Arrangements by the Uht Funeral Home. Cremation rites were accorded.

**CARRELL, WILLIAM H**  
Age 76, of Inkster. Passed away December 1, 1999. Dear husband of Mattie. Beloved father of Alva, Rita, and Marilyn. Also survived by 3 brothers, 2 sisters, 3 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Services were held December 4, 1999 at Uht Funeral Home, with interment at Mr. Hope Memorial Gardens, Livonia.

**CONNOLLE, PATRICK T.**  
Age 66, of Westland. Passed away December 19, 1999. Dear husband of Ann. Beloved father of Pamela, Michael, Timothy, and Jeffery. Also survived by 1 sister, 2 brothers, 5 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild. Services were held December 22, 1999 at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

**DARDEN, CLAUDIA M**  
Age 82, of Inkster. Passed away November 13, 1999. Beloved mother of Christel, and Patricia. Also survived by 2 sisters, 7 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. Services were held November 20, 1999 at Pentecostal Temple COGIC. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home.

**EVERETTE, C.L.**  
Age 53, of Romulus. Passed away November 16, 1999. Beloved father of Melvin, Stevie, Eric, Debra, Cheryl, Gail, and Kim. Also survived by 9 grandchil-

dren. Services were held November 22, 1999 at Pentecostal Missionary Baptist Church. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home.

**FAILING, MARION F.**  
Age 84, of Plymouth. Passed away on December 19, 1999. Beloved mother of Ronald, Robert, and Richard. Also survived by 3 grandchildren and 1 sister. Services were held December 28, 1999 at the Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home in Plymouth with interment at Oakland Hills Memorial Park.

**FRANZ, ROBERT W.**  
Age 53, of Canton. Passed away December 19, 1999. Dear husband of Jill. Beloved father of Margaret, Debbie, Jessica, Melissa, and James. Also survived by 2 sisters, 1 brother, and 3 grandchildren. Services were December 22, 1999 at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

**GARRETT, LOUISE I.**  
Age 52 of Inkster, MI passed away October 23, 1999. Beloved mother of Reginald. Also survived by 2 grandchildren, 2 sisters, and 2 brothers. Services were held October 30, 1999 at Penn Funeral Home in Inkster with interment at United Memorial Gardens.

**HIGLEY, GEORGE W.**  
Age 77, of Westland. Passed away December 19, 1999. Dear husband of Theresa. Beloved father of Victoria, Marie (Paul), Judy, Jenelle, and Joann. Also survived by 4 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home. Cremation rites were accorded.

**JAMIESON, ANN T.**  
Age 90, beloved wife of the late Eli Kecskes, Arnold Soenksen and Harold Jamieson. Loving mother of Betty Ann Johnson and Joann (Edwin) Comeau. Also survived by 3 brothers, 7 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Arrangements by the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne with interment at Michigan Memorial Park.

**MARINO, FRANK P.**  
Age 69, of Westland. Passed away December 20, 1999. Dear husband of Beverly. Beloved father of Denise, Kimberly, and Anthony. Also survived by 1 sister, 3 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. Services were held December 22, 1999 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland.

**MCGILL, ADALINE C.**  
Age 87 of Westland, MI., passed away December 16, 1999. Loving mother of Marsha. Also survived by 1 sister and 2 grandchildren. Services were held December 20, 1999 at Vermeulen Funeral Home in Westland with interment at Roseland Park Cemetery.

**MILLER, LANE (MIKE)**  
Age 48 of Wayne, MI. Beloved husband of Roxanne. Dear father of Michelle (Glen), Monica (Jason) and Michael (Audrey). Also survived by 5 grandchildren and 3 brothers. Arrangements by the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Wayne with interment at Parkview Memorial

Park.  
**OLSON, LOUISE E.**  
Age 69, of Westland. Passed away on December 23, 1999. Dear wife of George. Beloved mother of George. Survived by 1 sister, 2 brothers, and 2 granddaughters. Services were held December 29, 1999 at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

**OWENS, DARNELL**  
Age 42, of Detroit. Passed away November 10, 1999. He leaves to mourn Sonia Green, and Mr & Mrs James Owen. Services were held November 15, 1999 at Penn Funeral Home. Cremation rites were accorded.

**PETERS, ESTER C.**  
Age 86, of Romulus. Passed away November 13, 1999. Beloved mother of Oscar, Celeste, Fred, Joyce, and CleEsther. Also survived by 24 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren, and 19 great great grandchildren. Services were held November 20, 1999 at Mt Olive Baptist Church. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home.

**REECE, WILLIAM L. "RED"**  
Age 66, of Ellijay, GA. (Formerly of Wayne, MI). Passed away Sunday, December 26, 1999 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. He was born August 14, 1933 in Dawson County, GA, the son of Howard "Babe" and Suzy L. (Simmons)Reece. In 1983, he married Anna L. Butler in Ypsilanti and she survives. Mr. Reece retired from General Motors in April of 1984 after 32 years of service. He was very active in the Union Hall Local #735. Other survivors include: his first wife, Janet W. Perry; 7 children, Jay (Faith), William "Red" (Patricia), Howard (Michelle), Karen (Lynn) Partin, Miles "Enc" (Kathy), Scott (Donna) and Sheila (Don) Pearson; 2 stepchildren, Joey and Rebecca Johnson; 32 grandchildren; 9 great grandchildren, one brother Harold (Geraldine); and one sister, Barbara Jean Southern. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother-in-law, Edwin Southern; and 3 grandchildren. Services were held December 29, 1999 at Stark Funeral Home. Burial will be in Ellijay, GA. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shiners Hospital.

**REED, JANICE D**  
Age 45 of Romulus, MI passed away October 21, 1999. She leaves behind Nelson, & Charles Chaplin. Services were held at People Community Baptist Church in Westland, MI with interment at Metropolitan Memorial Park. Arrangements by Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

**SAMOLEY, EDWARD J**  
Resident of Westland. Passed away December 20, 1999. Dear husband of the late Wanda. Beloved father of James, Georgiana (Bob), Tim, and Michael (Karen). Also survived by 5 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild. Services were held December 22, 1999 at St Mary Catholic Church. Arrangements by Harry J. Will Funeral Home.

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## DDA calls for help in financial mess

The Belleville Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has called in the big guns to help them out with a recent financial debacle. DDA chair Toby Leis, Mayor Tom Fielder and city manager Steven Walters sent a letter to State Senator Loren Bennett and State Rep. Bruce Patterson asking them to assist in an appeal on a State Tax Commission decision to reduce DDA revenues.

The reduction comes from a Tax Commission auditor's conclusion that the DDA is not eligible to capture tax revenues on the Crosswinds Development. Until 1994, the DDA Act allowed local DDAs to capture property tax revenues generated by all local property tax millages, including school millages, on new development and growth within a DDA district for approved DDA project.

However, as part of school

finance reform in 1993 and 1994, the DDA Act was amended to generally prohibit a DDA from capturing revenues derived from school property taxes. Once Proposal A was approved, this provision had the effect of reducing revenue to the local DDAs by about half.

The State, however, "grandfathered" each situation, and allowed DDAs to continue capturing school tax revenues for obligations approved before August, 1993, as long as they met certain technical provisions before the following spring.

The DDA says Crosswinds meets the requirements, but the State disagrees.

The disagreement boils down to an approximate \$2.375 million revenue loss for the City, and a potential inability to retire the city's debt on the project.

## Deck the halls, not each other

By CAROL MARSHALL  
MCN Staff Writer

The tree is trimmed, and the stereo hums with melancholy holiday music. The entire family is gathering for a magical, Norman Rockwell holiday...or not. Add to that scenario some disillusionment, or rejection, or liquor, and you've got a lineup at the Wayne County Circuit Court Family Division.

When emotions and expectations run high, as during the holiday season, so do the number of people seeking personal protection orders (PPOs) from the courts, said Judge Richard Halloran during a presentation to the Belleville City Council. The presentation was an educational mission to let local governments know how to better direct people seeking PPOs.

Halloran says the holiday season is the busiest time of the year for PPO issuance, and they're usually sought for protection from a spouse, lover, or former spouse or lover, a neighbor or family member.

More than 1,000 PPOs are issued in Wayne County every month, but Halloran said the increasing number does not mean there is more domestic violence than there used to be. It's simply that attitudes are changing.

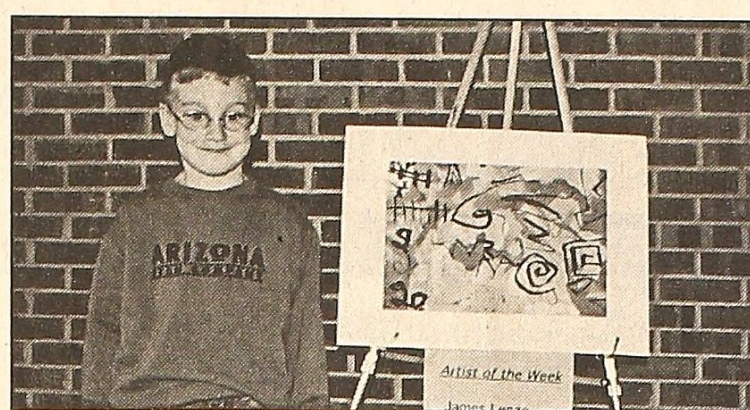
"People are finally recognizing [it's a crime] and the police are responding now finally," he said. "We grew up in a situation where everyone believed it was okay to do that sort of thing...but we don't tolerate it anymore."

The purpose of the PPO is to "get the fighting to stop," Halloran said. Further, he said, the Circuit Court can also offer a forum to resolve differences at the root of the fighting.

Halloran said it's a simple process to obtain a PPO, and in a pressing situation, the appli-

cant can usually get one in two or three hours.

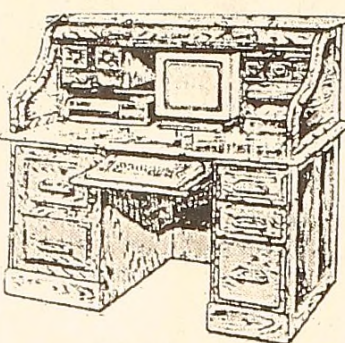
They're free, and you don't need an attorney. You can get a PPO even if you live in the same house as the person harassing or abusing you.



### Artist of the week

James Lenze, a second grader in teacher Margaret Beller's class, was named Artist of the Week at Tyler Elementary School in Belleville. Students in Brie Stosick's art classes learned how to use a variety of lines with color. The students studied Fanz Marc, Paul Klee, and Wassily Kandisky for inspiration.

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# Local HAPPENINGS

YOUR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND INTERESTS

**MEN'S WINTER RACQUETBALL LEAGUE** will begin Jan. 12, 2000 at Body Rocks-Racquettime in Livonia. League competitions are held at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays under the sponsorship of the Canton Parks and Recreation Services. Cost is \$100 per person. Registration has begun. Call 397-5110.

**TOURETTE SYNDROME ASSOCIATION** will meet at 7:30 p.m. second Friday of each month (next meeting Jan. 14) in the doctor's dining room of Providence Hospital, 9 Mile/Greenfield. Call 248-577-0872.

**DROP IN MEN'S BASKETBALL** for Romulus residents will be held from 8 to 10 p.m. on Tuesdays at Romulus Middle School. Cost is \$2 each and ID must be shown. Call 942-6852 for more information.

**AEROBICS CLASS** will be offered twice a week from 6:15-7:15 on Mondays and Wednesdays at Romulus Middle School if eight participants sign up. Class will begin one week after sufficient sign-ups occur. Call 942-6852 for more information.

**YOUTH DANCE CLASSES** for Romulus residents will begin Jan. 12 at Barth Elementary School. Classes include: 3 to 5 year olds Ballet from 5 to 5:30 p.m., age 6 and up Ballet from 5:30 to 6 p.m., age 6 and up Tap classes from 6:30 to 7 p.m. and age 6 and up Jazz classes from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

**YEAR 2000 CLASSES** and workshops will begin the week of Jan. 24 under the sponsor-

ship of the Plymouth Community Arts Council at the Joanne Winkelman Hulce Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road in Plymouth. Classes include drama, dance, drawing and sketching, watercolor, chess, swing dance, figure drawing, etc.

**CANTON CHAMBER LUNCHEON** Radio personality and motivational speaker Mark "Doc" Andrews will provide an inspirational message for the new year at noon Jan. 5 at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway. The cost is \$15 for a member and \$20 for a non-member. Reservations need to be made by Jan. 3 by calling 734-453-4040.

**WOLVERINE DOG TRAINING CLUB** will kick-off its new beginners obedience class on Jan. 11 at 35582 Elmira in Livonia. A class for puppy owners begins on Jan. 12. The classes last for about two months. Call 248-476-8650 for more information.

**DETROIT BOAT SHOW SLATED** is slated from Feb. 12 to 20 at the Cobo Center in Detroit. More than 300 boat dealers and marine businesses will be at the show. Kids clinics and antique and classic boat exhibits will be offered. Cost is \$9 for adults and children (with adults) under 12 will be admitted free. Senior citizens over 62 will be admitted free on Monday Feb. 14. For more information call 800-224-3008.

**PLYMOUTH YMCA MEETING** is slated at 1 p.m. Jan. 26 at

Ernesto's Restaurant, 41661 Plymouth Road in Plymouth. Purpose is to elect officers, renew terms of board members and to conduct other business.

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS** for adults who have lost a loved one are being sponsored by Arbor Hospice and will be held Mondays 7 to 8:30 p.m. or Fridays 3 to 4:40 p.m. from Jan. 10 to March 3. Groups will meet at Arbor Hospice, 7445 Allen Road, Suite 230, in Allen Park. To register or obtain more information call 313-383-8800.

**DR. M.L. KING PRESENTATION** will be offered by former Detroit Police Chief Isaiah (Ike) McKinnon at 7 p.m. Jan. 17 at Kresge Hall on the Madonna Campus in Livonia. McKinnon will speak on King's philosophy of non-violence. There is no charge for admission and the public is invited. For more information call 734-432-5541.

**PARENTING HELP NEEDED** for first time parents is being requested by Starfish Family Services. Experienced parents are being asked to share that experience by answering questions from new parents. Call "After Baby Comes Project" at 734-425-7977, ext. 117 for more information.

**RESPITE FOSTER PARENTS SOUGHT** by Evergreen Children's Services of Detroit. Such personnel can earn \$40-\$60 a day for giving foster and adoptive parents some relief and relaxation on a part-time basis. For more information call 248-557-5800.

**LEGAL RESEARCH ON THE INTERNET** workshops will be offered by Detroit attorney Mary Meininger Urisko at Madonna University in Livonia on Jan. 21-22 and Jan. 28-29.

For more information call Jennifer Cote, director of Madonna's Legal Assistant Program at 734-432-5549.

**PARKINSON DISEASE SUPPORT GROUP** will hold its next meeting at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 9 at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center, Building 5305, nearing Parking Lot P. Exercise therapist Nia Aguirre will be the guest speaker, so wear appropriate exercise clothes. For more information call 734-741-9209.



Wayne/Romulus Optimist Club student helpers Amber Bowman, left, and Jessica Nieman, right, display the club's Holiday Gift Shop items to two Cory School second graders, Katrina Miskey and Jacob Carter. MCN Special Photo

## Optimist Club spurs student spirit

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

Kindergarten through third grade students at Cory Elementary School were helped in their hunt for family Christmas presents earlier this month by the Wayne/Romulus Optimist Club.

Club members with the aid of Romulus High School National Honor Society students and members of the New Hope Baptist Church assisted with the young children's gift selection for their parents and others.

"My parents are going to be so proud of me," one kindergarten said as he stood in

line to get his gifts wrapped and nametags written out.

For the fourth year, Optimist Club members stocked the holiday gift store and then aided the young students with their holiday efforts.

Each student selected two gifts and took them home after they were wrapped up.

The Wayne/Romulus Optimist Club is an affiliate of Optimist International, whose motto is "Friend of Youth."

The local chapter sponsors various community service activities throughout the year for Wayne and Romulus youth.

The year's program, Mae Jackson (community service chairperson) is centered on

educational, social and cultural programs for the betterment of all children.

Cory School Principal Phyllis Adkins revealed the club's "Warm-a-Child" program delivers warm hats, gloves and scarves to children during the winter season.

Also on tap for the Year 2000 are VIP Reading activities celebrating National Reading Month in March, career speakers, Drug Awareness sessions, Respect for Law programs and Bicycle Safety seminars.

Jackson and Adkins said the Wayne/Romulus Optimist Club always seeks and welcomes new community minded members.

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## SYNOPSIS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ORDINANCE #12-7-99 (1)

This is the second reading for adoption of the Ordinance  
The Charter Township of Van Buren ordains:

**Legislative Findings and Purpose:** The Charter Township of Van Buren has the right and authority to manage and maintain activities upon and within the Public Rights of Way, and to require individuals, partnerships, corporations and any other private entity, however defined, that wishes to conduct construction in, improvements upon or business operations within, to obtain non-exclusive approval and to reimburse the Township for costs incurred as a result of the activities within the Public Rights of Way. Furthermore, given the finite limits of space and areas available in the Public Rights of Way, and the need to plan for and prevent conflicts and confusion within the Public Rights of Way, the Township has the authority and abilities to limit, modify or deny access to any of its Public Rights of Way or to, within the limits and ability of the best current technology, to require the cooperation of systems or property within the Public Rights of Way.

Definitions.

Section 1. A. Permit Required

Section 1. B. Application Procedures

Section 1. C. Duration of Permit

Section 1. D. Permit Terms and Requirements

Section 1. E. Fees

Section 1. F. Order to Cease and Termination of Rights

Section 1. G. Right of Alteration

Section. 2. Technical and Construction Standards

Section 3. Prior Approval

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Section 7. Insurance

Section 8. Retention and Control of Public Rights of Ways

Section 9. Public Emergency

Section 10. Sanctions and Penalties

Section 11. Severability

Section 12. Repealer Provision

Section 13. Effective Date

Publication: This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within ten (10) days after its passage.

The Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on December 21, 1999.

Yeas: BUDD, CLARK, HART, HERMAN, ROCHOWIAK, FOSTER AND KING.

Nays: NONE.

Absent: NONE.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance,

Cindy C. King, CMC/AEE

Township Clerk

Helen Foster, CMFA

Township Supervisor

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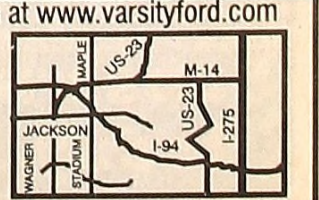
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# Inkster Good News

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At the podium is Sarah Young, who announced last week she is leaving the Inkster Housing Commission after 20 years. She is a past president of the IHC, the governing body for public housing in the city of Inkster.

## Council to honor Young, longtime commissioner

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

The longest-serving member of the Inkster Housing Commission has decided to step down.

Sarah Young, who has served as a trustee, vice-chair and chairperson on the commission, said she was resigning to spend more time with her husband and family.

The dean of the commission, Young has served on the Housing Commission for the past 20 years. She is the wife of Anderson C. Young, former and retired Inkster Police Chief who also was an interim City Manager Anderson C. Young during the early 1980's.

Mayor Hilliard Hampton Jr. and city council said they regretted to see "such a capable person as Mrs. Young leave the commission."

"She has done a very commendable job," said council member Naomi James, who noted that she is a longtime friend and attended the same church.

"Throughout the years you never had to worry about what the commission would do because she (Young) was on it, and you knew that she would make the right decisions.

"But, you know, after serving as long as she has on that commission, attending all of those meetings, there comes a time when you say 'enough is enough'," James offered.

Hampton asked his colleagues whether they wished to present the out-going commission with a council resolution, a commendation in appreciation for the many years she had served on the commission.

"She truly has been an asset and one of the most dedicated on the commission," Hampton added.

Councilman Ernest Hendricks asked council to consider ordering a plaque in honor of the commissioner.

"There are not many citizens who have served our city as well as she has and as long as she has," Hendricks later said.

Council also filled the vacancy created by Young's resignation by unanimously approving the nomination of Leonard Coleman. Coleman, seated next to Dr. Terrel LeCesne, Inkster Housing Commission chairman, was in the audience in the council chambers.

The new commissioner was introduced to the gathering.

## City Hall, court is closed for New Year

When City Hall and the 21st District Court employees wrap up their work for the day on Thursday, they will not have to report back to work until the 21st Century.

Thanks to contracts negotiated by the unions with the city, municipal employees will have Friday, Dec. 31 and Monday, Jan. 3 off to enjoy and celebrate the New Year.

The celebration ends, how-

ever, for all at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 4 when municipal and court employees are scheduled to report back to their desks and their work assignments.

City officials stress police and fire departments will be staffed, as usual. And that police patrols will be beefed up New Year's Eve to weed out those drivers operating a vehicle under the influence of alcoholic beverages.

## Library hosts programs

Come join the Winter Session of the Inkster Public Library's Story & Craft Hour.

The program is staged Thursdays between the hour of 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. in the library meeting room. The program runs until Jan. 13, 2000.

A parent or care giver must remain in the library during

the entire hour.

For information about the program or any other library program, please telephone 563-2822.

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# SPORTS

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## Detroit spoils 'Bo's' debut

### Late-start proves fatal for Vikings against Community

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Bo Dukes knew he was in trouble when only six players showed up at the bus.

And the problems multiplied for the first-year Inkster High basketball coach when he learned that his opponent on Monday, Detroit Community, had already played seven games and was 5-2 going into the Motor City Classic.

Due to a scheduling glitch (no, don't blame Y2K for this one) Dukes and the Vikings were making their belated debut on the hardwood. It was Inkster's first and only game of the 1999 phase of the 1999-2000

season.

"We were nervous, very nervous," said Dukes, after Community spoiled his coaching debut, 62-53. "It showed out there. Also, it was our first (game) and our opponent had a quite few more games than we did."

Though nervous, Inkster managed to leap ahead, 15-14, in the first quarter thanks to 6-8 James Swanigan's control of the boards and back-to-back baskets by Darius Kincannon.

But Community made its move when Swanigan committed his third personal foul early in the second quarter, and Dukes was forced to re-

**"**  
*These kids have heart. Thy won't quit on you.*  
**- Bo Dukes**

place his center with his sixth and only other player on the bench who was recently elevated to varsity status from the junior varsity squad.

Led by Artie Lockett, the Detroiters outscored the Vikings 22-10 in the second eight-minutes and went up 36-25 at the half. Inkster remained close the rest of the game. The Vikings trailed by eight (50-42) for three and came within four

in the final four minutes, but they failed to capitalize on eight consecutive free throws that led to their downfall.

"We were horrendous at the line," said Dukes, who pointed to his team's 11 of 26 performance at the free throw line as one of the reasons for the defeat. "We also didn't shoot well from the field. We made a meager 16 of 59 shots."

But Dukes had praise for his

players. He said that they tired, but would not quit.

"It's rough when you have only six players," he added. "These kids have heart. They won't quit on you."

Dukes said that he is attempting to recruit more manpower for the team, and there is at least one player, a 6-5 forward, who could help, however, he is academically ineligible at present.

In their season's opener, Swanigan did an excellent job on the boards where he collected a game-high 17 rebounds and also chipped in with 10 points. Kincannon's 13 points were the team's high, while Community got a game

high 19 from Lockett.

Inkster also received nine points and seven rebounds from Michael Hunter and Randall Gaines finished with eight. Alphonso Clark played 32 minutes and contributed five points and six assists.

Next in line for the Vikings is none other than arch-rival, Dearborn Heights Robichaud. Robichaud will pay a visit to the Viking gym on Tuesday in a crossover Mega Conference game.

On Jan. 7, Dukes and the Vikings began their long and may be frustrating Mega Conference, Red Division trail. They face Willow Run for a divisional opener.

## Salem hosts mat tourney

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Some of the finest high school teams and wrestlers in the state will converge upon Plymouth-Salem today to compete in the annual Salem Wrestling Invitational.

Salem, one of the traditional wrestling powers in the Western Lakes Conference, has invited some 20 teams to the invitational, including Westland John Glenn, a conference rival, and arch-foe, Plymouth-Canton.

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*The tournament has gotten bigger over the years and better.*  
**- Ron Kruger**

Salem coach Ron Kruger said that the tournament has gotten bigger over the years and better, and this year's field includes some of the best young grapplers in the area.

Teams that will be represented on the mats at Salem include: Adrian, Ann Arbor Pioneer, Brighton, Livonia Churchill, Farmington, Monroe Jefferson, Monroe, Garden City, Greenville, Flat Rock, Howell, Melvindale, Trenton, Livonia Stevenson, Ann Arbor Huron, Ypsilanti and Novi.

Among Salem wrestlers who may surface with gold medals include Mike Potency (189), Josh Henderson (140), Steve Dendrinis (135), Lucas Stump (130), Rob Ash (135), and Ron Thompson (119).

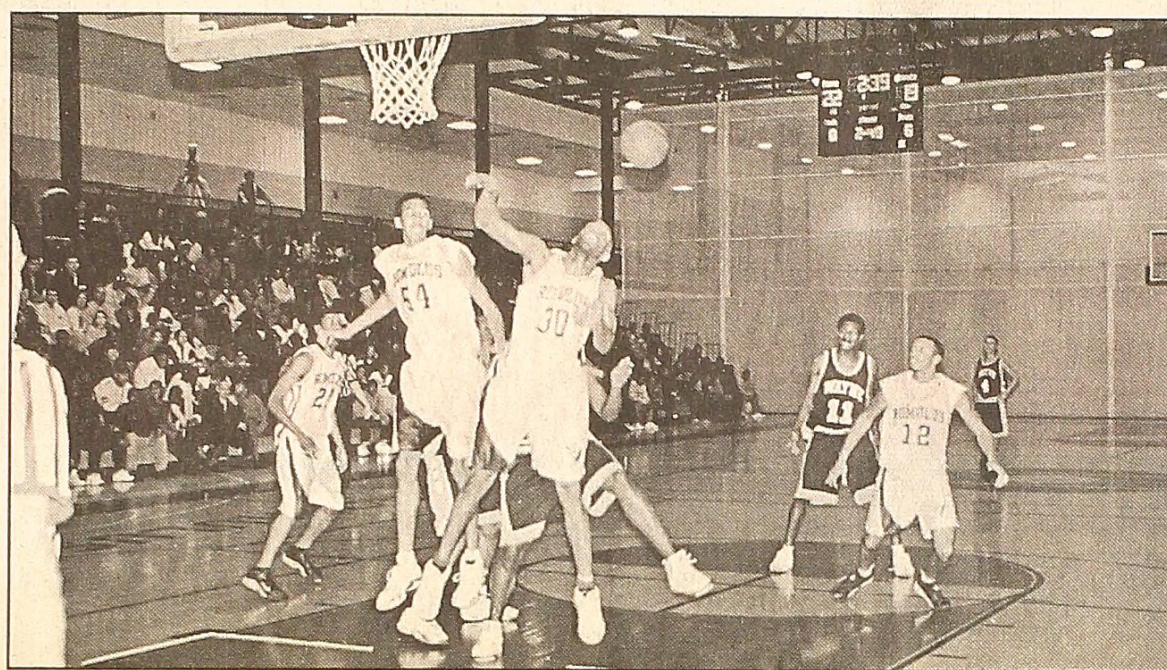
The six grapplers recently emerged from a triangular meet against traditional state wrestling power, Redford Catholic Central and Clio by beating both opponents they faced.

The invitational will be the final Salem tournament of the year. Kruger's Rocks will then take a break for the New Year's festivities but will return to the mats on Jan. 6 when they travel to Walled Lake Central for a Western Lakes Conference meet.

In the meantime, Glenn coach Keith Zimmerman and the Rockets will also open up the Western Lakes on Jan. 6 on the home mats against Livonia Stevenson, a worthy opponent on the mats.

Canton and coach John Demmsick, off to their best start, hope to continue their winning ways on Thursday (Jan. 6) when the Chiefs travel to Walled Lake Central for their first Western Six Conference meeting and also their first dual meet of the 21st Century.

The Chiefs are undefeated in four starts this season.



### New century, a new start

While Wayne's Taron Smith (11) stands between teammates Shannon Jeffries (10) and Jeff Logwood (24) in the photo at the left, Romulus managed to eke out a victory in the first meeting between the two Mega Conference, Red Division powers. Romulus, thanks to performances from Kevin Thomas (30), in photo above, and 6-8 Chris Garwood (54), finished the 1999 phase of the season with a perfect 4-0 record. Coach Guy DelGiudice and the Eagles take on Ypsilanti Lincoln Tuesday before clashing with once-beaten River Rouge, the defending conference champ, next Friday. In the meantime, Wayne will resume action Tuesday at Riverview. Coach Chuck Henry and the Zebras have won two of their first three games and were scheduled to play Wednesday in the Superintendent's Tip-Off Classic, hosted by the superintendent of the Detroit Public Schools. Photos by Brown's Special Events Services

## Preps resume hoop wars on Tuesday

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

With the magic of the Christmas Holidays behind them and a new century facing them, local high school basketball teams will greet reality next week and the second half of the 1999-2000 season.

While Plymouth-Salem, Plymouth-Canton, Wayne Memorial and Inkster were involved in holiday tournaments, the rest of the local flock waited in the wing.

No, not really. They were busy keeping in shape and had scheduled several scrimmages.

Romulus and coach Guy DelGiudice will attempt to keep their magic aglow on Tuesday when Ypsilanti Lincoln comes to town. With four straight victories behind them, including a big victory over Wayne Memorial in their Mega Confer-

*Romulus runs up against a wounded Panther in River Rouge on Jan. 7.*

ence, Red Division opener, the Eagles should have no problems picking up No. 5.

But, then the true tests comes.

Romulus runs up against a wounded Panther in River Rouge on Jan. 7. And the outcome of that game may tell coaches, teams and spectators just how tough the Eagles are this year.

Rouge, the divisional defending champ, got a lesson on athletic acuity from a strong Belleville team which also has four consecutive victories and has established itself as a le-

gitimate title contender.

DelGiudice has pointed out that the talent in the Mega Red this season is "awesome."

And on any given Friday - and make that Tuesday, too - anything can happen in the division.

Both Romulus and Belleville marched into the new century with perfect 4-0 records, but the two will not meet until Jan. 21. In the interim, like the coaches say, anything can happen before then.

Inkster (See related story on this page) has gotten off to a late start and dropped its opener at the Motor City Classic. Detroit Community spoiled first-year coach Alvin "Bo" Dukes's coaching debut, and it won't get any easier for "Bo" or the Vikings. They will meet cross-district rival, Robichaud,

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## Salem ends 2-game losing streak, 59-57

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Like the coach said: "Don't count us out."

Nobody ever counts coach Bob Brodie and the Plymouth-Salem basketball team out of anything.

That is, if they are in their right mind.

After two false starts, Brodie's Rocks got back on the winning track Monday night at the Grosse Ile Holiday Invitational by dumping an older and more experienced Windsor Herman club, 59-57, in the semifinal round of the tournament.

The Salem victory ended a modest two-game losing streak.

But, more important, it gave Brodie and his team a big psychological lift, the veteran coach noted.

"It is good to get that first win under your belts," Brodie said in a telephone interview on Tuesday. "And, by the way we got it before the end of the 20th Century. I felt that that was important for all of us."

But it wasn't easy. Salem trailed until the final four minutes of the game when Ryan Nimmerguth joined teammate Ryan Cook and some clutch free throw shooting rallied the Rocks in the

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*It is good to get that first win under your belts.*  
**- Bob Brodie**

second half.

Nimmerguth scored all of his 10 points in the final two periods while the Rocks made 10 free throws down the stretch.

Trailing 16-13 after the first period, in part, because of their failure to stop Herman's prolific scorer, Ashromogh Atogwe, a guard who finished with a game high 24 points, Windsor widened its lead to 31-24 at the half.

Cook sank six of his 18 points in the third period that cut Herman's lead to three (46-43) for three quarters. Then, in the final eight minutes, Rocks came back and outscored their international rivals, 16-11.

"They are an excellent ball club," said Brodie of Windsor. "They came into this game with a 15-7 overall record."

Cook played a pivotal role at both ends of the court. He

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## Canton falls in double OT to Arthur Hill

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

Coach Danny Young isn't winning the close ones.

And that hurts.

After Young and the Plymouth-Canton Chiefs lost their opener to Wayne Memorial in the season's opener, the tide apparently hasn't turned for the Western Lakes Conference hoop power.

The Chiefs' latest heart-breaker occurred Monday night at the Traverse City Central Holiday Invitational where a "sure thing" ended in a double overtime loss to Saginaw Arthur Hill, 56-54.

Canton had a shot at wrapping this one up at the free throw line in regulation time when Michael Major was fouled in his attempt for a trey.

But Major's free throws just wouldn't fall and it provided Saginaw with the impetus to spark a comeback that led to the close victory.

The victory advanced Arthur Hill into the championship round where they will play Holland, a winner over the host, Central. But the atypical tournament shifts the venue to Holland where the

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championship will be decided.

The Chiefs were scheduled to take on Traverse City Tuesday night in the consolation round of the holiday tournament. But that game will be played in snow-covered Traverse City.

Canton's eventual demise against the stubborn Arthur Hill came in the closing seconds in the second OT when senior forward Rick Wilson canned two of his free throws that capped a perfect 12-shot streak at the foul line in the second half.

Wilson's two charities lifted Saginaw to a four point lead that they managed to protect.

Saginaw was deadly in the second half at the foul line when coach Dave Staggert's

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## Wayne baseball club seeks ball players

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

If you're between the ages of 14 and under, also 12 and under, and want to play baseball this summer, there is an organization that is looking for your athletic ability.

Manager David Lewis says that he will be holding tryouts for players who are interested in competing in the Little Caesar's Baseball League.

The tryouts (dates have not been set) are for players who are 11,12,13, and 14, who will be playing in league competi-

tion in the Year 2000.

Lewis stressed that the team also will be traveling out of Michigan for a few tournaments.

Also, Lewis pointed out that there will be a "player showcase" the first day where over 50 college and university coaches and every major league team will be on hand to look over the players.

Lewis said those who are interested in playing on the team should contact him at 313-839-6872 for more information.

## Canton racquetball entry deadline nears

By TOM MOORADIAN  
MCN Staff Writer

If you're planning to play in the Canton Township's Parks and Recreation Racquetball League this winter better get your registration form over to the offices before Jan. 12.

Recreation supervisor Bob Dates says that the league will play a 13-week schedule. The league will be held on the courts of the Body Rocks - Rac-

quetball in Livonia and there is a \$100 per person registration fee. The fee will include all league court-time and awards.

Players will be divided into divisions, according to their playing levels. By the way, there is no residency requirements to sign up for the league.

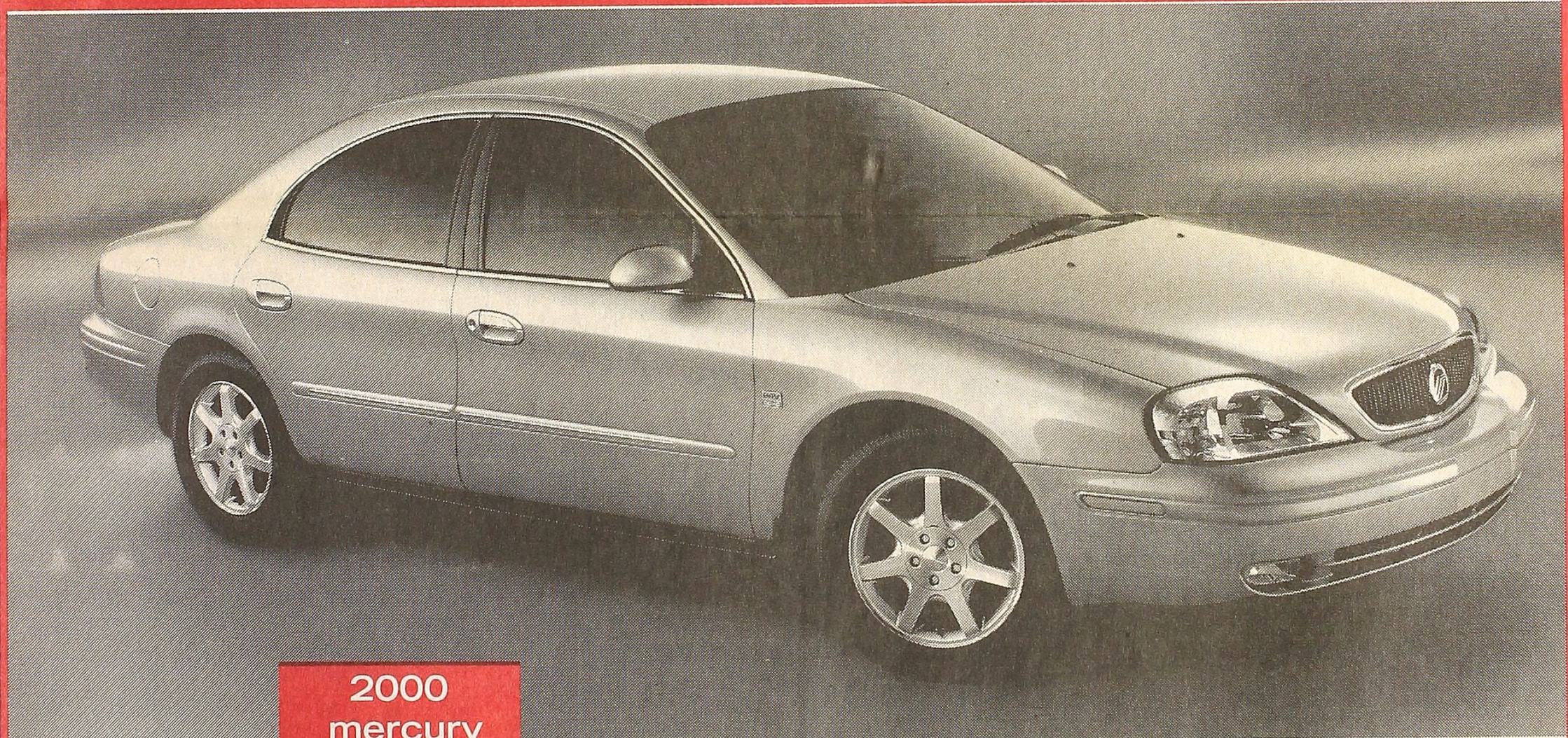
Further information may be obtained by contacting the Canton Parks and Recreation Department at 397-5110.



### Bronze medalist

The Westland Youth Athletic Association's Comets, which cheered its favorite teams to a winning season, not only stood out on the sidelines when their teams were in competition, but they also proved to be outstanding when a panel of judges looked them over. In recent competition, the Comets' Varsity squad claimed a Bronze Medal in the Western Suburban Junior Football Cheering Rally. Members of the team include Bridget Van Buhler (front row, from left), Chelsea Kangas, and Alex Allen; second row are Kim Hagelthorn, Emily Brennan, Rebecca Sharolian, Sydney Hudson, and Kelly Buchanan; third row are Cori Adams, Heather Harper, Stacy Lear and Kara Stipp.

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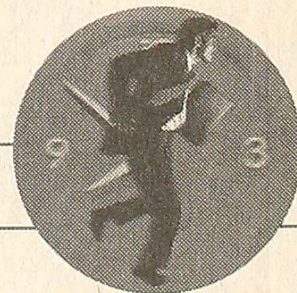
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on Tuesday. Robichaud split in its first four games.

Plymouth-Salem has an excellent opportunity to end the 20th Century with a title in hand. The Rocks survived Windsor Herman in the first round of the Grosse Ile Holiday Tournament Championship and play Redford Thurston for all of the marbles.

Salem Coach Bob Brodie and the Rocks were scheduled to play Redford Thurston Tuesday for the title. The game would be their final game of the 1999 phase of the season.

The Rocks aren't scheduled to play on Tuesday, but they are on Friday when they square off with an outstanding Plymouth-Canton team that lost its hopes of a holiday tournament title when it fell to Saginaw Arthur Hill in a double-overtime thriller in Traverse City.

Canton will tune up for the Brodie Bunch against an unheralded Ann Arbor Huron team Tuesday at home. Huron has not been winning, but the River Rats have been in all four of their games.

Westland John Glenn, winner of two of its three, including a thriller over then state-ranked Adrian, returns to the hoop wars Tuesday (Jan. 4) against a Ypsilanti team that beat pre-season Mega Red title favorite, Willow Run, by a dozen points.

Ypsilanti will provide coach Mike Schuette and the Rockets an opportunity to get ready for the Western Lakes Conference campaign. The Westlanders meet Northville on Jan. 7 in their first conference game of the season.

## Salem

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scored a team high 18 points, helped organize the Salem defense, also came up with a couple of crucial assists.

In that stretch, Salem sank 10 of 18 free throws and made 12 of 20 from the free throw line, while Herman capitalized on nine of 14 at the charity stripe.

Salem was scheduled to play Redford Thurston Tuesday night for the Gross Ile Invitational title. Thurston's long-range artillery stopped the Islanders in the other semi-final game, 62-58.

The Rocks will open the new century next Jan. 7 on the home floor against none other than their natural rival, Plymouth-Canton. Canton dropped its invitational opener, a double overtime thriller, 56-54, to Saginaw Arthur Hill in the first round of the Traverse City Invitational. See related story in this section. It will be the first Western Lakes Conference (crossover) game for both teams.

## Canton

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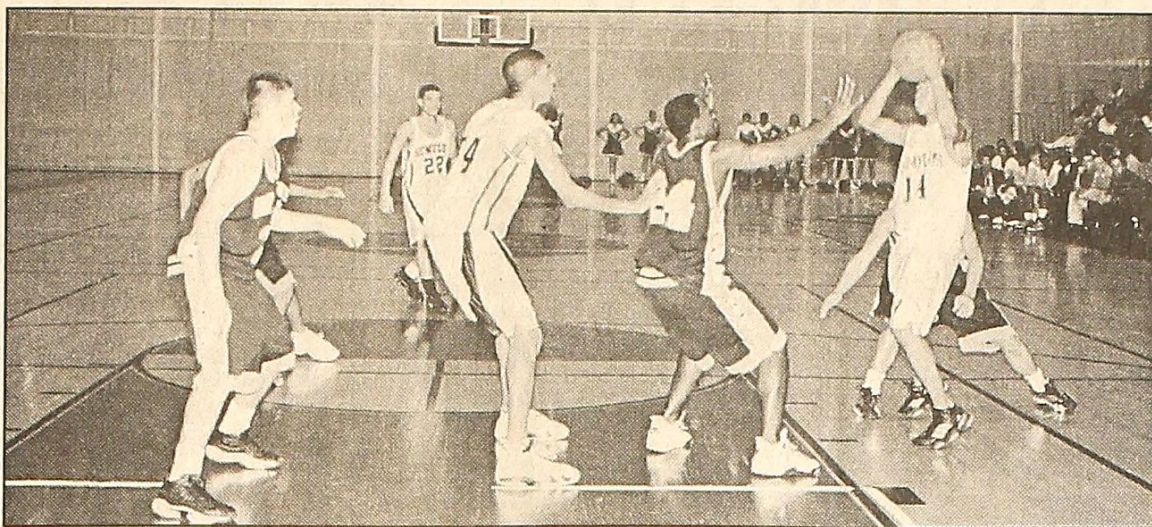
club was perfect on all 12 of its attempts.

It's tough to beat a team that goes 12 for 12 at the line in a close game, Arthur Hill coach Dave Staggett said later.

Like Canton, Arthur Hill also has dropped a couple of close encounters. They fell to Saginaw by two and also lost a heart-breaker to Flint Central by one.

Dan McLean came up as the top individual scorer for the Chiefs. The Canton forward tossed in 17 points, while Arthur Hill's Finis Harwell scored a game-high 18.

After their trip north, Canton returns home to take on Ann Arbor Huron on Tuesday, their first game of the new century. Then, on Jan. 7 the Chiefs take on natural rivals, Salem, to decide which team is worthy of the unofficial Plymouth-Canton Community School District's championship.



## Start of a new century

Romulus's Johnny Penn (14) is looking for a way to deliver the ball to center Chris Garwood (54), but he has to find a way to lob it over a quick and ready Wayne defender, Jeff Logwood (14). Romulus managed to pull out the victory in this early showdown of the Mega Conference, Red Division title hopefuls and enters the new century with a perfect 4-0 record. Wayne will try to improve its record on Tuesday at the expense of Riverview, while Romulus, also slated to see action Tuesday, should have little problem getting past a 1-3 Ypsilanti Lincoln for No. 5. Photo by Brown's Special Events Services

## Sports Academy to offer softball camp in December

The Sports Academy is offering softball players a softball camp in January.

The camp will provide participants an opportunity to improve various facets of their game.

The camp is specialized and will cover hitting, pitching, fielding and much more.

Professional instructors and All-Americans will be on hand to instruct camp participants on how to improve their

skills, and there also will be live infield and batting practice.

During and at the conclusion of the camp, instructors will evaluate players' skills and give individual drills. They will also show how players can increase arm strength and bat speed, plus other conditioning drills.

Registration continues until the end of the week. There is a \$75 registration fee. Players may sign up by phone

(248/380-0800, extension 112, or by mail.

Make checks payable to the Sports Academy, 22515 Heslip, Novi, Mich. 48375.

Academy spokesperson Aaron Knieper also pointed out that the academy is offering basketball and baseball lessons. Former Montreal Expos players and All-Americans are on staff to help participants improve their games in both sports.

## Prep coaches urged to call in results

Local high school varsity coaches are urged to phone the Sports Desk with the latest results of their games and meets.

Coaches may call the Sports Desk from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or

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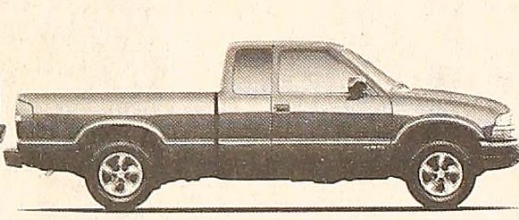
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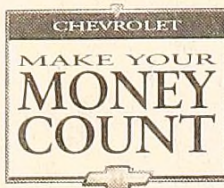
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# People in the news

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M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

## People in the news...

Debra F. Hayden of Westland is one of six Madonna University seniors to be named to the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

Hayden is a criminal justice major and a sociology minor at Madonna University.

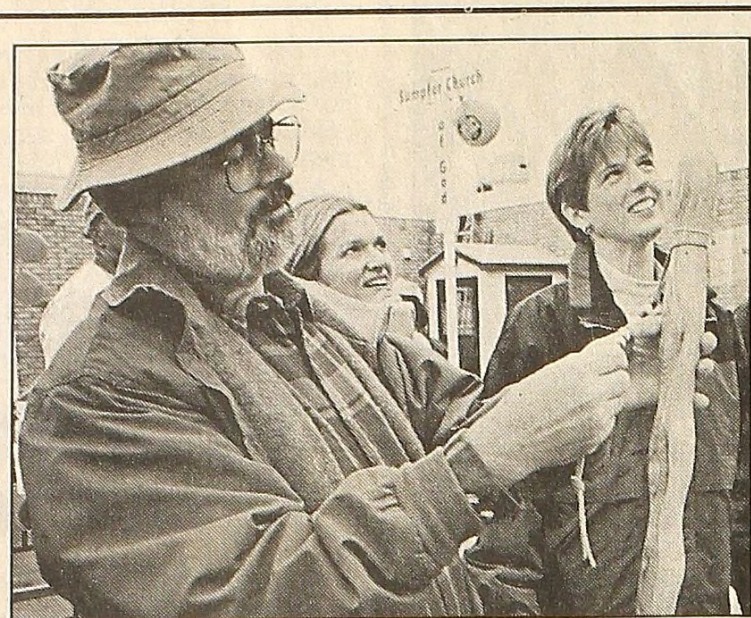
She has been on the Dean's List during all three previous years and is involved in a campus ministry, where she has played the violin at mass, worked at a soup kitchen and participated in retreats.

She is a recipient of the Catholic Student Award, a scholarship given to incoming Catholic freshman who wish to combine a strong quality education with additional Catholic leadership training and experience.

Hayden is an active member in the youth group at St. Simon and Jude Catholic Church in Westland and is a life-time member of the Girl Scouts.



Debra Hayden



## 1999 Memory

The official retirement of the Rev. John Hagan as director of the Belleville-Romulus CROP Walk proved to be one of the top church story memories for the year 1999. Hagan shown examining a large walking stick he was presented headed the walk for the hungry program for more than a dozen years. MCN Photo by Al Post.

William R.D. Martin, a member of the University of Michigan- Dearborn faculty since 1976, was named professor emeritus of business education by the U-M Regents.

He will officially retire from active faculty status on Dec. 31.

He served as dean of the School of Management until 1985. He also was professor of management.

Quwan Sultan Akbar Melton, second child of Lataisha and Karim of Romulus, was born on Dec. 19, 1999 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

He weighed eight pounds and three ounces at birth and has black hair and dark brown eyes.

He joins two siblings, Tyshon Zimel and Melton.

His grandparents are Ruthie and Lee Hughes of Romulus and Evelyn and Nathaniel Warren of Detroit.

Canton resident Mary Stewart has received the Chancellor's Medallion at the

University of Michigan- Dearborn for outstanding academic achievement.

She was one of five such students so honored.

Stewart earned a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in accounting from the School of Management on Dec. 19.

She received UM-Dearborn Honors twice, the Undergraduate Excellence Award twice and was on the Dean's List once.

Stewart was named the 1999 UM-Dearborn Honors Scholar for accounting and received four scholarships while attending the university.

She also is a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, the honor society of the AACSB - the International Association of Management Education.

Stewart completed two internships at Ford Motor Co., where she worked in the tax office on planning and audit analysis and tax compliance.

She participated in the UM-Dearborn Emerging Leaders

program, which provides students opportunities to interact with community leaders, create leadership development plans and portfolios and put leadership theory into practice in the workplace.

Stewart plans on taking the Certified Public Accountant exam this spring and hopes to begin graduate studies this fall.

She also volunteers time working with youth in her church.

Marine Corps PFC. William J. Lawrence, son of William J. Lawrence of Westland, recently completed basic training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, S.C.

He successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

He is a 1999 graduate of Winston Churchill High School in Livonia.

Alexia Sophia Yost, daughter of Michael and Georgia (Falantine) Yost of Van Buren Township, was born Nov. 12, 1999 at Annapolis Hospital in Wayne.

She weighed four pounds and 13 ounces at birth and measured 17 and one quarter inches.

Her grandparents include: Richard and Ruth Yost of Van Buren Township, and Alfred and Vivian Falantine of Belleville.



Alexia Sophia Yost



## Mitten tree

Parents and students of Merriman Elementary School in Romulus collected mittens on a Christmas tree for donation to the Helping Hand Thrift Store of Romulus. Shown from left are Aron Flynn, Matthew Abramson and Courtney Turner. MCN Special Photo

## Westland Salvation Army falls short of 1999 goal

By AL POST  
MCN Staff Writer

An ambitious \$120,000 Christmas kettle drive set by the Wayne- Westland Salvation Army Corps fell a little short of its goal last week.

Before leaving for a week vacation on Christmas Eve, Capt. Chuck Yockey said a full accounting of the spirited drive would be made public.

The Wayne Westland Salvation Army Corps is located on Venoy Road in Westland and heavily services the needy in Wayne, Westland and Romulus.

One bell-ringing area that

did score a plus during this past holiday season was reported by the Romulus Rotary Club.

Rotarian Larry Williams reported that the double weekend that the Romulus Rotary and Romulus High students collected \$1,375 this month, compared with \$921 last year.

The Christmas bell-ringing campaign each year fills a heavy part of the corps' annual budget each year.

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## Ruby Ramirez



Birth: 5/23/84  
Missing: 11/16/98  
Age Now: 14 yrs  
Race: White/Hisp  
Sex: F  
Hair: Brown  
Eyes: Brown  
Ht: 5'02"  
Wt: 165 lbs

Missing From: Santa Maria, CA

Ruby may have gone to the San Francisco or Los Angeles, California areas. Her hair is reddish-brown.

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Race: Black  
Sex: Female  
Hair: Black  
Eyes: Brown  
Ht: 5'02"  
Wt: 100lbs

Missing From: San Diego, CA  
Rasheeyda was last seen walking away from a hotel in San Diego, California. She has a 3-inch scar on the front of her right calf. She may use the last name Robinson.

## Randy Rubenstein



Birth: 11/09/93  
Missing: 08/25/97  
Age Now: 6 yrs  
Race: White  
Sex: Male  
Hair: Brown  
Eyes: Brown  
Ht: 3'03"  
Wt: 40lbs

Missing From: Waterford, CT  
Child was abducted by his non-custodial mother, Bonnie Rubenstein. A FBI Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution warrant was issued for the Abductor on October 21, 1997. Randy has a slight scar under his left eye. The abductor may use the alias last name of Dembroff, Rubens or Segal.

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## Jessica Valencia



Birth: 06/12/83  
Missing: 10/31/99  
Age Now: 16yrs  
Race: White/Hisp  
Sex: F  
Hair: Blonde  
Eyes: Brown  
Ht: 5'06"  
Wt: 110 lbs

Missing From: Echo Park, CA

Jessica may be in the Los Angeles Area with a male companion. She has three dots tattooed on her left hand and her ears are pierced. She may go by the nickname Flaca.

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## Amanda Slaughter



Birth: 08/13/76  
Missing: 04/28/91  
Age Now: 23 yrs  
Race: White  
Sex: Female  
Hair: Brown  
Eyes: Brown  
Ht: 5'07"  
Wt: 140lbs

Missing From: Orangefield, TX

Amanda has run before, but never for this length of time. She took all of her belongings with her. She has a suture line on her inner calf. She also wears glasses.

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Age Now: 18 yrs  
Race: Black  
Sex: M  
Hair: Brown  
Eyes: Brown  
Ht: 5'05"  
Wt: 155lbs

Missing From: Norfolk, VA

Child was last seen at his residence in Norfolk, Virginia. Child may have left the area. He has a chip in his front tooth.

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## Tierra Smith



Birth: 11/02/82  
Missing: 11/28/98  
Age Now: 16 yrs  
Race: Black  
Sex: F  
Hair: Black  
Eyes: Black  
Ht: 5'08"  
Wt: 260

Missing From: Riviera Beach, FL

Tierra may be in the company of an adult male. She has her ears pierced 5 times.

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## Vanessa Anderson



Birth: 04/09/85  
Missing: 08/16/99  
Age Now: 14 yrs  
Race: White  
Sex: F  
Hair: Lt. Brown  
Eyes: Hazel  
Ht: 5'05"  
Wt: 116 lbs

Missing From: Warburg, TN

Vanessa may be traveling with a male companion. They may have left the area. Vanessa has a scar on her left kneecap and her ears are pierced multiple times.

## Mayra Ramirez



Birth: 12/12/83  
Missing: 07/09/97  
Age Now: 14 yrs  
Race: White/Hisp  
Sex: Female  
Hair: Brown  
Eyes: Brown  
Ht: 5'03"  
Wt: 110 lbs

Missing From: Maywood, CA

The child may be in the company of an adult male. She has a small space between her front teeth, a mole on the inside of her left eye and a mole on the left side of her nose.

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## Jennifer Young



Birth: 02/22/84  
Missing: 07/22/99  
Age Now: 15 yrs  
Race: White  
Sex: Female  
Hair: Black  
Eyes: Green  
Ht: 5'05"  
Wt: 130 lbs

Missing From: Waycross, GA

Jennifer and her infant daughter, Diana may be in the company of an adult male. They may have traveled to Texas or Mexico in a 1986 gray, four-door Mazda 626. Jennifer has her ears pierced and a birthmark in the center of her back. Diana may be known by her middle name Alicia and has a birthmark on the back of her left shoulder. Her ears are also pierced.

## Diana Young



Birth: 12/17/98  
Missing: 07/22/99  
Age Now: 15 yrs  
Race: White  
Sex: Female  
Hair: Black  
Eyes: Green  
Ht: 2'02"  
Wt: 16 lbs

Missing From: Waycross, GA

Jennifer and her infant daughter, Diana may be in the company of an adult male. They may have traveled to Texas or Mexico in a 1986 gray, four-door Mazda 626. Jennifer has her ears pierced and a birthmark in the center of her back. Diana may be known by her middle name Alicia and has a birthmark on the back of her left shoulder. Her ears are also pierced.

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## Shoshana Black



Birth: 10/21/94  
Missing: 8/01/97  
Age Now: 3 yrs  
Race: Female  
Sex: Female  
Hair: Blonde  
Eyes: Brown  
Ht: 2'10"  
Wt: 40 lbs

Missing From: Holbrook, MA

Shoshana was abducted by her non-custodial mother, Karen Debra Black. A FBI Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution warrant was issued for the abductor on May 11, 1998. The abductor has the left side of her nose pierced.

## Alejandro Amescua



Birth: 10/21/89  
Missing: 07/25/97  
Age Now: 9 yrs  
Race: White/Hisp  
Sex: Male  
Hair: Brown  
Eyes: Brown  
Ht: 3'06"  
Wt: 40 lbs

Missing From: Wapato, WA

The child was abducted by his non-custodial mother, Carlotta Orozco Mendes. A felony warrant for Custodial Interference was issued for the abductor on October 1, 1997. They may be in the company of an adult male in the San Luis Rio Colorado, Mexico area. The child may be using the nickname Alex or the name Alejandro Amescua Mendes. He has a chicken pox scar under eye.

## Jared Yetzer



Birth: 11/18/86  
Missing: 08/11/97  
Age Now: 13 yrs  
Race: White  
Sex: Male  
Hair: Brown  
Eyes: Blue  
Ht: 4'10"  
Wt: 97lbs

Missing From: Kutztown, PA

Jared was abducted by his non-custodial father, Gerard Ralph Yetzer. A felony warrant was issued for the abductor on June 12, 1998. Jared has indentations on both ears. Jared may use the last name Wade or Wade-Yetzer. The abductor uses the name Jerry. He may have a mustache and he has a scar on the middle of his upper lip.

## Zelig Rosenberg



Birth: 05/03/82  
Missing: 10/21/90  
Age Now: 15 yrs  
Race: White  
Sex: Female  
Hair: Red  
Eyes: Blue  
Ht: 4'00"  
Wt: 60lbs

Missing From: New City, NY

Chaya and her sister Zelig Rosenberg were abducted by their non-custodial mother, Annette Rosenberg. A FBI warrant for Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution was issued for the abductor on 1/14/91. The abductor may be using the alias last names Cohen, bergen or Rosenberg. She may be using the first names Annette or Channa with any of the alias last names.

## Chaya Rosenberg



Birth: 02/05/86  
Missing: 10/21/90  
Age Now: 11 yrs  
Race: White  
Sex: Female  
Hair: Brown  
Eyes: Brown  
Ht: 3'06"  
Wt: 42lbs

Missing From: New City, NY

Chaya and her sister Zelig Rosenberg were abducted by their non-custodial mother, Annette Rosenberg. A FBI warrant for Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution was issued for the abductor on 1/14/91. The abductor may be using the alias last names Cohen, bergen or Rosenberg. She may be using the first names Annette or Channa with any of the alias last names.

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## Tiffany Dixon



Birth: 07/18/79  
Missing: 10/10/91  
Age Now: 19 yrs  
Race: White/Hisp  
Sex: Female  
Hair: Black  
Eyes: Brown  
Ht: 5'02"  
Wt: 105 lbs

Missing From: Brooklyn, NY

Tiffany walked her younger brother to his school, then continued on her way to her school, three blocks away. She never arrived at her school and has not been seen since.

## Halee Turner



Birth: 09/19/90  
Missing: 08/08/99  
Age Now: 9 yrs  
Race: White  
Sex: Female  
Hair: Blonde  
Eyes: Hazel  
Ht: 4'04"  
Wt: 58lbs

Missing From: Ft. Worth, TX

The child was abducted by her non-custodial father, Terry Eugene Turner. A felony warrant for kidnapping was issued for the abductor on August 13, 1999. They may travel to North Carolina, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri or Colorado and may be frequenting libraries and campgrounds in those areas. The abductor may be driving a white 1996 Chevrolet pickup truck with Texas license plates LV7287. Halee has a birthmark near her navel and a mole on the left side of her chin. The abductor is biracial. He is American Indian and White.

## Derrick Engebretson



Birth: 07/05/90  
Missing: 12/05/98  
Age Now: 8 yrs  
Race: White  
Sex: Male  
Hair: Brown  
Eyes: Hazel  
Ht: 4'06"  
Wt: 85 lbs

Missing From: Bonanza, OR

Derrick became separated from his father while they were looking for a Christmas tree in the Rocky Point area of the Winema National Forest in Klamath County, Oregon on December 5, 1998. He has a scar from a dog bite on his chin, between the nostrils and under the nose.

## Virdiana Sanchez



Birth: 2/20/87  
Missing: 8/10/91  
Age Now: 10 yrs  
Race: White/Hisp  
Sex: Female  
Hair: Brown  
Eyes: Brown  
Ht: 3'05"  
Wt: 35 lbs

Missing From: Los Angeles, CA

Child Was Abducted by her non-custodial father, Jose Sanchez. A felony warrant for Depriving Custody Rights to Another was issued for the abductor on 7/23/92. He may be using the aliases Jose Sanchez Vasquez, Jose Isaias Sanchez or Jose Isael Sanchez.



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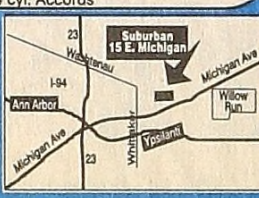
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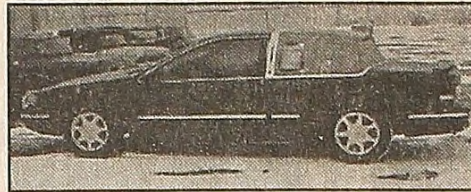
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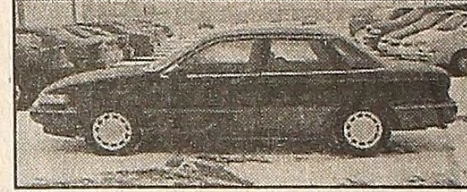
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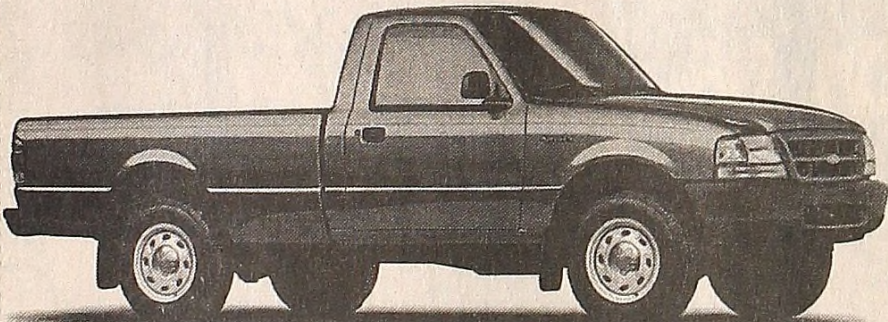
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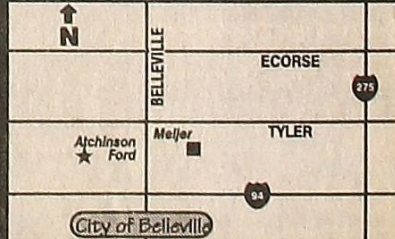
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